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IN ROTTERDAM.

One afternoon in August a small party of Americans said good-bye to friends at Antwerp, and followed by kind wishes and a shower of roses, set out for that quaint old Dutch city, Rotterdam. After crossing the boundary line of Belgium we left our "compartments" and went through the usual ceremony of forming a procession and marching around the custom house officer, who made a curious little quirk in chalk on the exterior of our hand bags, without deigning to look therein. In the twilight came our first glimpses of Holland, the storks winding among the coarse grasses, and the windmills with their dark arms thrown against the glowing sky.

One of the essential things on reaching our hotel was to get some money changed and we soon learned that one hundred cents made a guilder, and that a guilder was equal to about forty cents in American money. The Dutch language, a strange mixture of German and old English was not so easy to understand. The next morning being Sunday, we inquired for an English church and thought we understood our directions, but were obliged to make further inquiries of men and small boys on the street; to our English, French and German they made only unintelligible replies and gesticulations. After going some distance out of our way, however, we

reached the quaint little church. A pleasant faced and well-dressed woman was sweeping off the steps and pavement; after that duty was performed she opened the pew doors for the congregation. The pews had very high backs and above the high pulpit was a sounding board. The refined face and pleasant manner of the preacher and his excellent sermon from Matt. xx, 28, were appreciated by us as we had not heard a sermon in our native tongue for several weeks. One of our party greatly admired an ancient prayer book printed in 1730, and the lady sexton made him a present of it; he returned the compliment, however, by bestowing on her a guilder.

Rotterdam, a city of some 190,000 inhabitants, is built upon piles driven into the mud, and its streets are intersected by canals, which form highways for traffic and for conveyance of passengers. Our pleasantest memory of Rotterdam is a sail on the Maas, one of the lower branches of the Rhine. We set out accompanied by our hotel porter, who pointed out all objects of interest, for in Europe the "portier" is a master of all knowledge and speaks all languages. Everywhere we saw the windmills; some used for sawing wood, and some for raising water; some were oil mills and some flour mills. It all looked like the beautiful Dutch landscapes we had admired so often in picture galleries.

We wished to see some of the home life of the country people, so we landed at Krimpen, on the Yssel, a quaint little village whose houses are between three and four hundred years old. From all directions the children sprang up and ran toward the landing; we were evidently as great a curiosity as a dancing bear. Soon the men and women flocked around us, too, and the crowd followed us from street to street. We could not understand them nor they us, but they nodded and smiled in a friendly way, although our young gentleman from Nebraska received the greatest share of smiles from the little Dutch maidens. Most of the men and many of the children wore heavy wooden shoes that looked like little boats and were usually painted white. The women wore curious white caps, and all the children were quaintly dressed. All regarded us with as much curiosity as if we were a race that they had never seen and we wondered if it were thus that the natives in America had looked upon the landing of Columbus. Most of the boys were smoking, some of them little tots apparently not more than five or six years old. Around the town the clatter of the little wooden shoes came close behind us, and we were reminded of the long procession of children who followed the Pied Piper of Hamelin. At some of the houses we noticed rows of wooden shoes standing out-

side the door. We entered a small house four hundred years old and some of the party partook of goat's milk. Some quaint prints hung on the walls, one bearing a slight resemblance to Niagara, also an engraving of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper, and others representing the Marriage of Cana and the Parable of the Lilies. The round table was painted with circles of red and green, and the bed was in a niche in the wall, a "set-in" bed. There were two handsome pieces of furniture resembling wardrobes; on the top of one we noticed a pile of beautiful white china with a raised lavender leaf. A fine old Dutch clock completed the furniture of the room; of course one of the party wanted to buy the clock, but the good wife looked so troubled that the offer was withdrawn. We next went through a cheese factory and were treated to brown bread and Dutch cheese.

On our return to the city we visited the bronze statue of Erasmus erected in the market place in 1662, also the house where he was born in 1479. A school in Rotterdam is still called the Erasmus school, because he first taught the classics there. Other places of interest were the Groote Kerk (cathedral), the town hall, and the Herinnering monument. Here the children flocked around and gazed at us, while we gazed at what

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Wednesday, December 9, 1891.

Col. W. W. Clapp died suddenly in Boston last night. Previous to last July, he had been editor of the Boston Journal for more than twenty-five years.

The Congress of the United States opened last Monday. Tuesday, Charles F. Crisp of Georgia, was elected speaker; and the following appointments made; Mr. Kerr, clerk, Mr. Yoder, sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Turner, door-keeper, Mr. Dalton, postmaster, and Mr. Milburn, chaplain. In the drawing for seats, Daniel of New Hampshire, was the first name called, and McKinney's was about the 125th, and had to take a seat on the Republican side of the house.

According to the returns made to the state treasurer last April, Meredith people have laid away in the savings banks, the goodly sum of \$354,464. An average of over \$200 to each inhabitant. What a fine thing it would be, if a large portion of these deposits could be invested in manufacturing enterprises at home. It would be the means of utilizing all our unused water power, the bringing into town of several hundred more residents, the building of more houses and increased prosperity all around.

THE WEIRS.

The Chataqua circle meets Saturday evenings and are deeply interested in the questions before it.

Mrs. Lydia Warner and her sister Mrs. Eliza Morrison accompanied by Miss Anna Davis go to Boston this week to procure an artificial foot and ankle for the latter who had one of hers amputated last spring. Miss Davis has been a member of their family several years; belongs to the once despised negro race, (I am sorry to say that some still continue their ignorant prejudice against the blacks) and is a young woman of exemplary character, pleasant intelligent manners and has endeared herself to the family almost like that of an only child. She was born in Columbia, S. C., but came North some years ago.

Giles Wheeler a prominent architect of Concord, N. H., was here Saturday, to start the work of building an enclosure over Endicot rock; a sum of money having been appropriated by the State for that purpose, and Mr. Wheeler being one of the men appointed to superintend the work, he engaged Henry C. Batchelder to proceed at once to build a trestle from the shore to the rock to transport material for the foundation etc., which they propose putting in

immediately, and in early spring to finish the structure. I suggest that the State, if they have not already done so will furnish funds sufficient to do the work substantially and attractively, as such a landmark is worthy a careful preservation and inviting decoration.

CENTRE HARBOR.

We hear talk of surveying a new road to the wharf.

Mrs. Alice Prescott Hutchins has arrived at her home on Pine Hill.

H. R. Gould has gone to Lynn where he has work for the winter.

L. A. Sibly has returned from Boston where he has been on business.

Miss Gertie Greenleaf spent Sunday with the family of A. E. Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gordon have gone on an extended trip to Dover and Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Emery start for Boston this week to spend the winter with their daughter.

Mrs. Harry McKendrick, mother and baby have been visiting Mrs. Chas. Berry for a few days.

Mr. Edward Jackson of Boston with a party of friends are the guests of J. D. Bates at the "Briars."

Frank Glover has gone to Lowell for treatment as he has been suffering for some time with rheumatism.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. C. True who has been very ill since his arrival in Kansas, is out of danger.

The machinery in J. F. Goodrich's mill is again in running order and they are busily engaged in filling orders.

The opening of the singing school under the direction of Harry L. Strickland of the Tonic Sol-Fa College of New York took place on Monday evening at the vestry. As we are quite ambitious in musical matters it is hoped he may have a large class.

Mrs. D. W. Coe had an encounter with a pet ram recently which came near having serious consequences. After being knocked down and rolled about she finally seized his ramship by the horns and valiantly held him till help arrived. Painful bruises are the extent of her injuries.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Smith who died at her home in Meredith was held at the church here on Friday afternoon, Rev. Loring Webster of Ashland officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Ford of this place. Mrs. Smith was for a long time a resident here and was the widow of the late Rueben Smith of Moultonborough. Her age was about seventy years.

The last sociable at the vestry was under the management of the Y. P. S. C. E. a large number being present. The entertainment consisted of music, recitations and readings. Miss Lizzie Benson, Miss Gertie Watson and Miss Josie Abbott had fine selections, and Miss Bertha Sturtevant and Bessie Gould in costume won much applause. After the entertainment games were in order and the company separated, calling this the pleasantest occasion of the kind for a long time.

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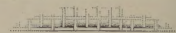
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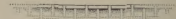
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R. R. TIME TABLE.

NORTH.	
Paper Train.....	7:47 a. m.
Way Freight.....	9:05 " "
Montreal Express.....	12:20 p. m.
Mail.....	1:12 "
White Mountain Express.....	4:42 "
Plymouth Express.....	5:52 "
Express.....	7:02 "
SOUTH.	
Express.....	4:24 a. m.
Accommodated.....	8:44 "
Way Freight.....	10:00 "
Mail.....	12:20 p. m.
Montreal Express.....	1:17 "
Mixed.....	7:48 "

LAKE SHORE R. R.

Leave Lake Village.....	5:50 a. m., 5:53 p. m.
Arrive at Alton Bay.....	8:30 a. m., 8:33 p. m.
RETURNING.	
Leave Alton Bay.....	12:00 p. m., 4:30 p. m.
Arrive at Lake Village.....	12:30 p. m., 5:23 p. m.

LOCAL MATTERS.

J. Henry Wallace is on the sick-list.

Oyster supper at the Baptist chapel this evening.

Mrs. Myra Fernald is sick with a throat trouble.

J. P. Kendrick of Lake Village was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. D. A. Ambrose, who has been quite sick, is gaining.

John E. Choate is painting the Prescott clock this week.

Miss Annie G. Wadleigh is making a short visit in New Hampton.

Semi-monthly meeting of Harmony Assembly, N. S. E. O., this evening.

Harry L. Brown is confined to the house at his father's, with a sore throat.

Morrison, the druggist, has been in Boston this week, purchasing Xmas goods.

The organ of the South church is being tuned and repaired by Prof. Ryder of Boston.

Miss Carrie Blount has returned from Greenville, where she has been teaching school.

The monthly union prayer and temperance meeting was held last Sunday evening in the Town Hall.

George Prescott is taking a short vacation from school in New Hampton, in consequence of a bad cold.

J. M. Beede is making some improvements about his residence on Plymouth street.

J. S. Robinson & Co. have invested in a new safe, and placed it in their furniture department.

Miss Myra Piper has purchased the Jesse Blake house on Main street, with the intention of keeping board-ots.

M. C. Brown and family have returned from Bradford, where they have been visiting Mr. Brown's parents.

On account of the sickness of her mother, Hattie Moses' school in Claremont, will not commence until next week.

Bear in mind the Christmas sale and entertainment by the ladies of the Congregational church, at Town Hall, next Wednesday evening.

One of our young men was arrested yesterday, charged with assault on his mother. Judge Rollins deemed the evidence sufficient for a fine of three dollars and costs, and to furnish bonds for good behavior one year, in default of which, Sheriff Prescott took him to Laconia and placed him under the care of Jailer Smith. A little parental training when the boy was younger might have been judiciously applied, and perhaps have produced better results.

In accordance with a call issued Sunday evening, a goodly number of citizens met at Good Templars' Hall, on Monday evening, to take measures with a view to suppressing the sale of intoxicating liquors in our village. Edwin Cox was made chairman of the meeting and J. F. Beede, secretary. Remarks were made by Messrs. Edwin Cox, J. H. Plaisted, J. W. Lang, Hon. S. W. Rollins, Rev. F. C. Libby, Rev. J. Erskine, F. W. Towle, A. A. Kidder and others. After some discussion it was voted that the work be entrusted to the Blue Ribbon Club, instead of forming a new organization. It was moved by Hon. S. W. Rollins, and carried, that the prosecuting committee of the Reform Club be requested to take every possible means to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in this place, and that they have the assistance and support of the organization. It was moved and carried, that the selectmen be requested to instruct the police to arrest any and all intoxicated persons on the streets. Voted, that the thanks of the organization be extended to Jas. M. Beede and to the Good Templars for granting the free use of their hall for the evening. Voted, that the proceedings of the meeting be published in the *News* and in *PROGRESSION*.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

The merchants of Meredith have an unusually well selected stock of holiday goods. It should be the duty of all, as far as it is possible, to purchase their presents at home.

The annual Fireman's ball will take place Christmas eve, Dec. 24, at the Town Hall. Kendrick & St. Clair's Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Let all try and make this the event of the season.

J. O. H. Woodman, Supreme Secretary Non-Secret Endowment Order, of Worcester, was in town last Friday, visiting relatives. He reports that the Order is in a prosperous condition, with a healthy increase in membership.

Saturday night, Mrs. Chas. H. Sceggell and mother, narrowly escaped being asphyxiated. Sometime during the night Mrs. Sceggell awoke, partially under the effects of the gas. She tried to investigate and with great difficulty got so, finding the cover of the stove partly off. She immediately opened all the doors and windows, thus preventing what might have been a serious accident.

Have you seen those magnificent oil paintings at Brown's Music Store, which are selling at \$2.00 and \$2.50 each? They are genuine oil paintings—not chromos.

ANY ONE

Wishing to see as fine a display of Christmas goods as can be found in a great many places much larger than Meredith, should not fail to examine Maasdek's immense assortment of useful and ornamental articles, embracing all the leading articles seen every season as well as many novelties entirely new this season. Goods and prices adapted to all wants from 5c. to \$5.00 so that the wonderful bargains shown from 5c. to \$1.00 enable any one to make a very attractive present for a little money. Avoid the rush and select your presents early while the stock is complete and the assortment is larger to select from. Those wishing to make themselves presents will do well to look at the bargains in clothing, Ladies' Garments, Underwear, leather and rubber footwear, Gloves, Hosiery etc., that will be offered as special *holiday bargains* for the next two weeks. Those wishing to avail themselves of these bargains will be benefited by calling soon, as prices will be made that will reduce stock to a large extent between now and Jan. 1.

NEW HAMPTON INSTITUTION.

Skating is the order of the day. A. B. Currier is working for Mr. Preston.

The first levee came off the night of Thanksgiving.

Mr. F. P. Morrill returned Friday from a short visit in Boston.

The social Fraternity will hold their open meeting the fifth week of this term.

The social Fraternity elected Hadley Worthen president for the last half of the term.

The young people of the Mission society will hold an entertainment Wednesday evening in Chapel Hall.

The winter term is well under way with an attendance of 205. This is the largest winter term in the entire history of the school. This institution has been having a regular increase in number, for the past five years.

The fall term just closed was the largest for many years back.

LIFE.

Life, I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part;
And when, or how, or where we meet,
I own to me a secret yet.
Life, we have been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather.
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,
Perhaps 't will cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning;
Close thy door, and turn thy key.
Say not Good Night, but in some brighter light
Bid me Good Morning.

ANNA LETITIA BARBAULD.

The author of this fine poem was an English woman, born in 1743, died 1824. The poem was greatly admired by the poet Samuel Johnson and is still often quoted.

WEST CENTRE HARBOR.

Miss Florence Smith is sick with a fever.

The farmers are killing their hogs quite rapidly.

Daniel K. Smith is reported as failing quite rapidly.

John S. York is putting in a dam for his mill at the "city."

The recent rains have diminished our snow to a minimum quantity.

Mrs. Mary Merrill has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Amos Webster.

C. A. McCullis is driving a horse which he purchased of W. B. Huntress.

Edward S. Derby has gone to Manchester to visit friends several weeks.

There is some talk of having a Christmas tree either at the school-house or church.

Miss Rose Sanborn of Ashland, has been staying with her brother, N. B. Sanborn who is sick.

Ned B. Sanborn has been very sick for two weeks past, with bilious fever. Dr. Cheney of Ashland attends him. Dr. Wm. Child of New Hampton, was in town last Friday to see Mr. Sanborn.

STATE NEWS.

A. B. Fowler of Exeter has gone to Europe, on business.

Lawyer Blackstone of Laconia has removed his shingle to Alton.

A supply of natural gas has been discovered in Spencer pond, Exeter.

Benjamin F. Darrah, a native of Bedford, died recently in Idaho Springs, aged 62 years.

Last Saturday night, George Tucker, aged 20, unmarried, was drowned by falling into the river at Concord.

The Tilton and New Hampton Telegraph Company, capital \$1000, has been chartered under the general laws.

Joseph M. Leonger, boss blacksmith at the railroad shop, Lake Umbagog, committed suicide by hanging. He was about 65 years of age, and poor health is assigned as the cause.

MARRIAGES.

O'SHEA-PICKERING—In Meredith Dec. 5, by Rev. J. Erskine, Harry O'Shea of Laconia and Grace M. Pickering of Vets.

MARKET SPECIALS.

Apples,	50 to 60 bu.
Bonches,	2.50 to 3.00
Butter,	20 to 25 lb.
Cheese, Fiddlers,	15 "
Eggs,	18 "
Coffee,	20 to 25 "
Cracked Corn,	1.00 bag
Cranberries,	10 and 14 qt.
Beans,	20 doz.
Fish, Cod,	08 lb.
Flour,	50 bu.
Flour, White Leaf,	2.25 bu.
" Sen Flour,	6.25 "
" Pillsbury's Best,	6.25 "
Kerosene,	12 to 15 gal.
Meal,	1.00 bag
Lard,	10 lb.
Oil,	50 bu.
Out Meal,	50 bu.
Oatmeal,	1.20 bu.
Oysters,	01 lb.
Oyster Shells,	10 lb.
Pickles,	10 lb.
Pork,	20 bu.
Potatoes,	20 bu.
Salsin,	12 to 15 lb.
Vinegar,	20 gal.
Yeast Cakes,	02 each.
Apples,	25 can
Blueberries,	15 "
Beans, (Baked),	15 "
" (String),	15 "
" (Lima),	15 "
Cherries,	25 "
Corn,	10 to 15 "
Dandelions,	25 "
"	12 to 15 "
Peas,	15 and 20 "
Pumpkins,	15 "
Salmon,	18 and 20 "
Tomatoes,	12 to 15 "

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PLYMOUTH.

Mrs. Hastings Cook is in Boston.
Miss Flora M. Adams is in Lancaster.

M. N. Davis was in Boston last week.

Our stores have a holiday appearance.

A. W. Avery has returned from Boston.

Rev. D. E. Miller recently visited in Lisbon.

W. W. Hartwell has returned from his vacation.

About Jan. 1, look out for those Electric Lights.

Frank Guilford is to have charge of the Electric.

E. G. Currier has been at home for a week on a vacation.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the Electric Light Station.

D. B. Keniston has returned from a business trip to Boston.

John Keniston starts for an extended southern trip this week.

Mrs. E. G. Mitchell is stopping with her brother, Chas. Wright.

Robert Burns, M. D., is in Boston, taking a special course in surgery.

John Berry is out of town this week in the interests of our local insurance Co.

Hon. A. Burleigh is in Concord attending session of the Supreme Court.

Miss Whitmore will instruct the P. V. R. R., operators in telegraphy this winter.

The line-men of the Edison Electric Company are wiring the town this week.

A number of business changes in Plymouth are reported to take effect Jan. 1, '92.

Miss Crawford of Lancaster is operator in the Concord & Montreal R. R. Ticket office.

We are to have 40 Incandescent lights of 32 candle power, and 4 ares, to light our streets.

W. Fred Adams has sold "Phil," to an employee of the Edison Electric Co., of Boston.

The Methodist Church have added over 200 new volumes to their Sunday School Library.

All efforts to locate the parties who broke into the post office on Saturday morning prove fruitless.

Miss Blanchard of Sandwich a former Normal Student here is very sick at Mrs. Smith's on Russell Street.

The store of Plummer Fox has been closed for two weeks, for the purpose of taking account of stock.

The society connected with the Congregational Church will hold a Christmas fair the latter part of the week.

S. F. Quimby of Sandwich, Special Agent of the Penigewasset Mutual Relief Association was in town Monday.

At this writing it is reported that 3 parties were arrested Monday evening charged with stealing \$90. from the C. & M. R. R. ticket office here. The parties are all young and have connections with the road.

McDole—Burbank. Married in Concord, N. H., by the Rev. J. E. Robins, on Thanksgiving morning, John McDole and Julia Burbank both of Plymouth. They are enjoying a short wedding trip through Massachusetts.

Another would be burglary was attempted here last Friday night. The Post Office in Kidder Building was entered by means of a ladder from the rear, the window fastening being forced, allowing the burglar or burglars to enter that way. The safe was tampered considerably, two holes being drilled near the lock; evidently the intruders finding they did not have the time to proceed, left, going out by the way of the front door, into Main St. Nothing else in the office was disturbed. This was done after 1:30 in the morning, as at that hour the mail carrier left the midnight mail there; he noticed a man however in the front of the block. It is now high time something was done here to stop these midnight proceedings. How would a night watch do?

MEREDITH CENTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Huckins were here a day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Busiel were in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Elmer Moody from Laconia attended church here last Sabbath.

Seth Ranlet and Herman Smith have been engaged the past week in drawing lumber to Meredith.

Miss Annie Pierce has gone to Laconia to attend school, she will board with her aunt Mrs. J. S. Plummer.

Master Guy Piper made us a call on Saturday last with his monthly roll of Style Papers leaving one at every house as usual.

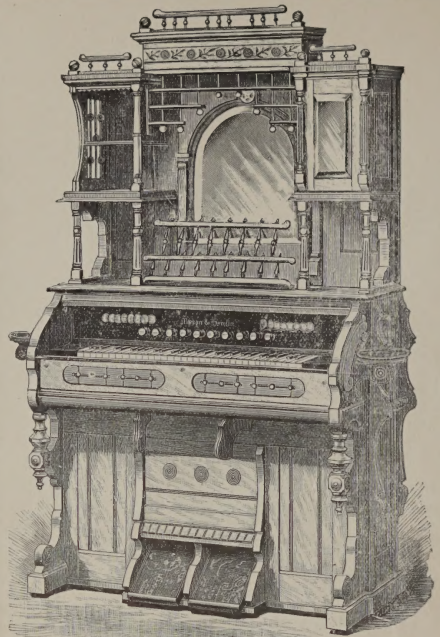
Mr. A. K. Veasie is at work at West Centre Harbor for Mrs. B. G. Piper who is making quite extensive repairs on her buildings.

Work in the "Bay woods" is said to be progressing, four oxen with a force of choppers are employed. To those who desire it, board is furnished at the camp on the lot to those employed.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Boynton Jr., did not start on their return to the South until Wednesday a. m., Dec. 2d, they propose to make a stop at Brookline, Mass., and expect to reach their destination, Orlando, Florida within ten days.

Mr. Moses Flanders from Bridgewater was here Friday the 4th to solicit the services of Eld. Noah Glidden to attend the funeral of Mr. Follansbee of B. The Elder being away from home, Mr. Flanders was unable to procure his assistance.

We very heartily commend the action of our teacher Miss Brown, for prohibiting the use of profane language about the school-house and on the play-ground by those attending school. We hope all the scholars will respect her wishes and set such a good example that all others will abstain from the use of such language within hearing of the school-house, at least.



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IN ROTTERDAM.

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the porter called the "Woman of Holland" or the Dutch Goddess of Liberty. The children in Holland do not beg of tourists, however, as the children in most countries do. In many of the older streets the tall, sharp roofed houses are so built that they have a friendly way of leaning toward each other, so that the tops of opposite houses are much nearer together than are their foundations. The principal shopping street is Hoog straat (High street.)

Aug. 31 was a gala day in Holland, for it was the eleventh birthday of the little queen Wilhelmina. The national colors, which are red, white and blue placed in horizontal lines, with orange streamers, were flying everywhere. It seems that some good Dutch women, like certain thrifty New England dames, allow nothing to interfere with their strict observance of Monday as washing day. Perhaps it is to avoid slopping the floors of their houses that they take their washing out on the side walks of the principal streets. Even on the little queen's birthday, bare headed, with sleeves rolled up, and feet encased in heavy wooden shoes, surrounded by buckets of water and a "piggins" of soap, they scrubbed away to their hearts' content, stopping now and then to nod and smile to the passers by. A smooth-board stands slanting in a tall tub or firkin, the clothing is spread on the board, and scrubbed with a heavy brush; sometimes the clothing is pounded with a curious looking club, having holes in it and somewhat resembling an old fashioned bed post. The numerous small carts drawn by dogs are also characteristic of Holland.

As it was a holiday many country women came in wearing the helmet and cap; a small bonnet usually surmounted the cap whose deep cape fell over the shoulders, and the head dresses had brass spirals on either side resembling short horns. One little girl attracted our attention; she wore a black dress made with a plain waist, and short, tight sleeves, just above her elbows; a dark blue apron that met in the back, and apparently a bustle all the way around; her bonnet was a plain white "Shaker" with a dark blue frill and strings hanging down the back, and her hair was parted in the middle and combed over her ears. Dutch girls do not wear bangs. This child clung to a lunch basket with one hand and to her father with the other; the father's hair was cut long and square in his neck and combed out over his ears.

Two of us entered a windmill used for making flour, and after climbing steep stairs and dangerous ladders, obtained a fine view of the city. A family lived in the lower story of the mill, and a big boy gave us a vigorous brushing, nevertheless we were picturesque objects in the landscape, and attracted considerable attention.

In the afternoon, well pleased with our visit at Rotterdam, we left for the Hague, passing through Delft celebrated for its manufacture of Delft ware, and remembered as the town where William of Orange was assassinated at the Prinsenhof.

EVA J. BERDE.
[Statesman.]

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LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH.

One of the excellent results of the organization of our young people's society is the increasing loyalty to their church. They learn by faithfulness to their society's pledge the happy results of faithfulness to their church covenant or pledge of our society binds us closer to our own church and impresses us with the propriety of faithfulness to the church and Christ first and before all other obligations.

This has been illustrated recently in the Roger Williams church Providence, R. I., as follows. A meeting of the Young People's United Society of Christian Endeavor was appointed in our city, and some of the best talent and most devoted Christians were to speak on the various themes incidental to young people's work. There was a general desire on the part of the young people to attend that meeting. They were anxious to learn more fully how to win souls to Christ, and make themselves more efficient in his service. The speakers for that meeting were efficient in this work, and renowned for their wise counsel to the young. Who then would hinder when so much would be lost by non-attendance?

There seemed to be but one obstacle to those who are members of our church. The night of the meeting was the same night on which our regular-covenant meeting was held. Shall we attend our church covenant-meeting, or the mass-meeting of Christian workers in another church?

This was the question. Some made one decision, some another. But here is the point I wish to emphasize. Many older church members would not even hesitate, as is clearly proven by their going to less worthy meetings than the one referred to; but these young Christians did hesitate, and considered well their duty in the case. They seemed to argue this: "Yes, it is my duty to attend the covenant-meeting as a rule, but here is an opportunity to attend a service which I trust will make me a more efficient worker for Christ if I go. Shall I? Why not attend both? One by person, one by proxy?" Some went to their pastor and sought his advice, and agreed to send their pledge and their testimony by him. Others wrote letters to the church which were read at the covenant-meeting. Thus they were with us in the heart while absent in person. The result of those letters upon the church was most pleasing. Many referred to it in their remarks as a cheering omen, and one of the oldest members said the young people had set a good example which he should follow if necessity detained him from the covenant-meeting in the future, if indeed he was able to send or write a letter.

If all absentees would report themselves at our church meetings, how much nearer to each other and how much more like Christ we should all be? Forgetfulness of obligations assumed is a sad influence to deter Christians from efficient services. —J. MALVERN, in *Morning Star*.

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